

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 27

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations***
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, August 28

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 29

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, August 30

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, Parlor
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, August 31

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
10:00 AM Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, September 1

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 27, 2023
SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Build A Boat

CCLI #7196310
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Fellowship Time

Revelation Song

CCLI #4447960
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Morning Prayer

Same God

CCLI #7183537
©Brandon Lake Music

You Are My King

CCLI #2456623
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MORNING MESSAGE

Church of Hope

Psalm 124
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

How Can I Keep From Singing

CCLI #4822372
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

AUGUST 27, 2023
8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

Call to Worship *God Is Our Refuge* Chancel Choir

* HYMN #368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #143
On Eagle's Wings

KID'S MESSAGE Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tom Jones
arr. McDonald

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Living Hope*

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Church of Hope

Psalm 124

* INVITATION #382 *Have Thine Own Way* ADELAIDE
Verse 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Build Hope

Psalm 124 is an exuberant hymn expressing the community of Israel's deep relief, gratitude, and praise to the Lord for delivering them from peril. If it had not been for the Lord's presence with the people of Israel when they were attacked, they would have had no hope. Israel would have been devastatingly overwhelmed had not God been with them to bring victory.

Devastatingly overwhelmed! Those are incredibly strong words. But admittedly there are times in our lives when it feels like we can't take any more. Life has become beyond hard. We lose hope.

Whenever that happens take a moment to reflect upon how God has already been faithful to deliver us from many difficulties in the past - some of which we aren't even aware. It has been said, "Hope is not merely the optimistic view that somehow everything will turn out all right in the end if everyone just does as we do. Hope is more rugged, the more muscular view that even if things don't turn out all right and aren't all right, we endure through and beyond the times that disappoint or threaten to destroy us. It's the kind of hope that requires work and effort, with no real guarantee of when, how, or even whether we will see a positive return.

The hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" affirms that Jesus can never fail. Edward Mote wrote the hymn in 1834, and even after almost two centuries we still sing these words of hope and assurance. It is a hymn that reminds us that even in the tough times we can hold on to Jesus who is the solid rock; that upon the rock our faith is unshakeable!

Build a hope that is strong upon the foundation of God. Live victoriously! Trust that, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8)

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, August 20:

Beth and Bud Reader

We welcome you all to our church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TERRI DUNKLE BY:

Ester & Fred Rea and Family

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF REV. JIM AND BARBARA JENSEN

BY: Dewey and Clara Hayes, Jr.

Out Deepest Sympathy

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to Helen Scroder whose brother, **Lawton Jordan** passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2023. Please keep Helen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com

August 20, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,597.47

Received YTD | \$768,280.18

Expenses YTD | \$774,097.46

Difference YTD | -\$5,817.28

Budgeted Amount YTD \$780,860.76

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,450.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$251,752.15

thank you

Attendance- August 20, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **80** Sunday School/Small Groups: **136**

9:45 Worship Service: **75** Online Worship Views: **318**

11:00 Worship Service: **257**

In Person Worship Total: **412**

Members in Ministry- August 27, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Bill Kirby, Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Cathy & Dick Wilton, Pat Carmichael

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Kay Holmes, Cherie Demarco, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee **9:45** Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

8:30 June & Julia Humphries

11:00 Evie Stephenson

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster

10:30 Laura Weldy

12:00 David Paulk

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Stella & Bud Avret, Family & friends of Kenneth Smith, Keith Stephenson, Thornton Willingham

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Lisa Adams, Jackie Alexander, Kia Booth, Robyn Bottenus, Family & friends of Bill Boyne, **Sandy Callaway**, Betsy Draughon, Adam Hobbs, **Kevin Josey, Olivia Juarez**, Ellen Long, Colette Mason, Silas Mcoy, **Family & friends of Phil Needham, Caryn Riggs**, Donna Taylor, Alexander Tipton, **Marc Vinson**, Pat Wallace

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, June Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Ronda Hansen, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Merideth Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, **Jim Jensen**, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Phil Needham, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, Mike Stiles, Dee Taylor, Dave Vandersall, Bo & Mary Vice, Terry West, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Senior Care Center: Jerry Winsness

Vitality Assisted: Jim Jensen

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern.

Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.

Confirmation Begins in September

Confirmation is a continuation of the faith journey of our 5th-12th grade students. It is the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to the church and a special time set aside to learn about who God is, what United Methodist Christians believe, and what it means to be not only a member of a church, but also a disciple of Jesus Christ in our world. Sessions start on September 10 with our retreat and Confirmation Sunday in March. Register by September 3. Please contact Chris for more information at 912-223-6866 or chris@stsimonsumc.com.

KidzQuest Children's Retreat –

September 22-24, 2023

Get ready for a weekend of fun! Children from all around South Georgia come together with dozens of other church groups, learning how to worship, study God's Word, and understand what a relationship with Jesus really means. These children are given an opportunity to experience Christ in brand new ways! If you liked Camp Connect or missed going this year, you want to join us this weekend! \$199 total cost is due by September 3 to reserve your child's spot. Please contact Chris to register or for more information at 912-223-6866 or chris@stsimonsumc.com.

College Student Updates

As our college students have graduated high school and many have moved away, our Higher Education team exists to care for them and maintain that connection to their church home by sending encouraging notes and care packages throughout the school year. If you have a student off at college, please send Chris their anticipated graduation year, any special interests or food sensitivities, and an updated college address to chris@stsimonsumc.com.



Financial Peace University at SSUMC

NEW DATE!!!

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our Financial Peace University class at SSUMC starting on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/46BC6F> or sign up on Realm or call the church office for more info!

UMCOR responds to Fires on Maui

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items, and tools to help survivors recover belongings.

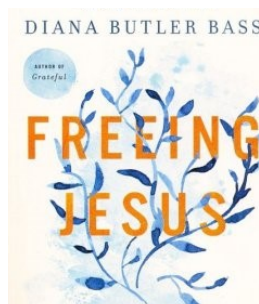
Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>

- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087
- By check made out to SSUMC-with UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo or notated



Join us Friday, September 22, for director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece, *E.T.*, is one of the brightest stars in motion picture history. This movie has captivated audiences around the world, complete with John Williams' Academy Award-winning

score performed live by a full symphony orchestra in sync to the film projected on a huge HD screen! The bus will leave the church at 3:30pm. We will stop for early dinner (Dutch treat) and arrive at Jacoby Hall at 6:30pm. Performance begins at 7:00pm. We will return to St. Simons by 11:00pm. If you haven't experienced a Symphonic Movie Night it's worth staying up late! Cost is \$65. Reservations are due by September 7 on Realm or by your payment.



Freeing Jesus

Join us for a 6 week Bible study that will be led by Laura Edenfield and Celia Eisentraeger, covering the book, "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Pass. The study starts Thursday, September 28th at 10:00AM in Room 201. Sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office at 912-638-3317. Purchase your own books online!

Ushers Needed!

Do you have one Sunday a month to serve or even one Sunday a quarter? We are looking for Ushers to serve at the 8:30 and 11:00 services and we are looking to create a 5th Sunday usher team for each service that will only serve 4 times a year! We have faithful ushers that have served for years and are in need of new ushers to help! Please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com if you would like to help serve in this meaningful and vital ministry!

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor in the Stubbs Bldg.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor in the Stubbs Bldg.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones. **678.343.3767** | tom@stsimonsumc.com



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